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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Comments for OMB on H.R. 4151 as passed by the
Senate

1. On 8 July 1986 I called Russ Neely of OMB and informed of the Agency's position on the above described legislation. Briefly, our position is the same as it was when the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations reported the bill. We support the House language on the protection of our basic authorities in section 106(b). We are strongly opposed to section 103(b) of both the House and Senate versions of the bill providing that the Secretary of State shall have authority to "establish" staffing levels for all government agencies having activities abroad. We believe that the Secretary's authority should be limited to the "coordination" of the staffing levels of government agencies having activities abroad.

2. Russ informed me that this position was consistent with the OMB and hence the Administration's position on the bill. In addition, I told him that we should seek report language that would soften the impact of 103(b) so that the Secretary of State did not have unfettered authority to establish staffing levels for other agencies abroad. He responded that since 103(b) may not be "conferenceable" because the language was identical in both the House and Senate versions of the bill. Therefore the only remaining opportunity is to have interpretive report language in the statement of the managers of the bill. There is also a possibility that when the president signs the bill he could make a statement interpreting section 103(b) to soften its impact.

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TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -

**Department of State
Department of Justice
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Office of Personnel Management
Central Intelligence Agency
National Security Council**

**SUBJECT: Comments on H.R. 4151 as passed by the Senate on
June 25, 1986. (See Congressional Record of that day
for amendments)**

**NOTE: In anticipation of Conference action, please
identify significant problems/issues in Senate and
House passed versions of H.R. 4151 for inclusion in a
State Department conference letter. Although the
Conference may not meet until the end of July, it may
be necessary to get a letter out the week of July 14.**

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than **THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1986.**

Questions should be referred to **ANNETTE ROONEY/SUE THAU** (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

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